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INDIAN DEEP SPACE NETWORK
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether India has developed an effective Indian Deep Space Network (IDSN);

(b) If so,the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which IDSN has contributed to Chandrayaan-I mission;

(d) whether other countries have expressed their interest in using IDSN; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the benefits likely to accrue to India as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has commissioned Indian Deep Space Network (IDSN) at Byalalu village near Bangalore, before the launch of Chandrayaan-1 on 22nd October 2008.

(c) IDSN is being used for telemetry,tele-command network and data collection purposes for Chandrayaan-1 mission.

(d) & (e) IDSN can be used for supporting deep space missions of other space agencies on mutual cooperation basis.No enquiries have been received in this regard at present.